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From: Brochi, Jean
Sent: Mon 11/7/2016 2:05:55 PM
Subject: RE: BC-CT--Long Island Sound-Dredging

Mel, I did not include the reader comments on the ELDS article in my last message... here they are.....:

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harrisjw

a day ago

Report

To put this in the proper tone now. The Navy and EB are not the major beneficiaries in this site location. They'd probably make do in other ways. But to recreational and commercial operators this is a major benefit. Making disposal of CLEAN dredged material in this location will allow marinas to stay in operation, keep ferry fares from rising, and enable the transit of ships like the Morgan in and out of Mystic to continue well into the future. Silting of the Thames isn't the only dredging that is considered here..but around the entire region. And that includes New York who will very likely take advantage of the site for disposal from Block Island, the North Fork, and the Plum Island harbor.

harrisjw

a day ago

Report

I didn't make an assumption about your lack of knowledge, that is clear from your own words. And I know a great deal about submarines and earned the dolphins that prove that along with other qualifications in submarine warfare. Not only do you not know squat, you don't even suspect it. If you have any area of expertise at all I suggest you confine yourself to those subjects.

Live Here

2 days ago

Report

"Live here could stand a little education about submarines.."

My guess - harrisjw - you know even less. Just a guess, but no worse than your assumption.

harrisjw

2 days ago

Report

Live here could stand a little education about submarines: "..sit quietly on the bottom's floor in the Atlantic with their nuclear ballistic missiles at the ready aimed for Russia..." is a really appalling state of ignorance. And that's only one example.

Live Here

2 days ago

Report

Too bad Joe can't find some other means of creating good jobs. Those waterways are precious. Once the government realizes it can't afford to keep spending like a drunken "sailor" (pun intended) on

weapons, EB will be gone as well as the base. The waterways must outlast our binging.

seacrest

2 days ago

Report

Joe has done a great job thinking & working for all the workers @ EB along with the sub base etc. We need all the help we can get for Southeastern CT, so this is a wonderful approval for keeping the river open.

Let's hope New York (Fishers Island) accepts that CT has needs too.

Live Here

2 days ago

Report

Two sub rep. Joe, lobbyist for GD/EB, made his successful effort to assure smooth sailing for the submarines that go in and out of port. A number of these sit quietly on the bottom's floor in the Atlantic with their nuclear ballistic missiles at the ready aimed for Russia awaiting any first strike orders from DC. Joe assures - All systems go!

Live Here

2 days ago

Report

So the dredge stays in Connecticut waters. Is this a joke? Who fought for this? Malloy?

Of course NY who was against this got the booby prize, dredge garbage will take a little longer before hitting their waters.

Compromise....what a lousy joke.

seacrest

3 days ago

Report

Wow ! Would believe ? Great news that where this is now located for the next 30 years !!!!! Connecticut won one!!!

From: Cote, Mel

Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 8:38 AM

To: Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>; R1 OPA <R1_OPA@epa.gov>; Brochi, Jean <Brochi.Jean@epa.gov>; Stein, Mark <Stein.Mark@epa.gov>; Dierker, Carl <Dierker.Carl@epa.gov>; Spalding, Curt <Spalding.Curt@epa.gov>; Szaro, Deb <Szaro.Deb@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: BC-CT--Long Island Sound-Dredging

Not sure if it's my computer, but I can't see the article when it opens, just the attached letter responding to NY's objection.

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<http://www.theday.com/local/20161104/epa-names-eastern-lis-dredge-disposal-site>

From: Bender, Emily

Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 7:58 AM

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Subject: FW: BC-CT--Long Island Sound-Dredging

From: Haigh, Susan [<mailto:shaigh@ap.org>]

Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 7:01 PM

To: Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>

Subject: BC-CT--Long Island Sound-Dredging

Hi Emily,

FYI, here's my story that's out. Thanks for your help today.

Sue

Doc URL: <http://elvisa.ap.org/News/Stories/CTC-2016-Nov-04-001205/CTC-2016-Nov-04-001205.docx>

Slug: BC-CT--Long Island Sound-Dredging

Headline: EPA issues rule creating disposal site for dredging sediment
Summary: The Environmental Protection Agency has issued a final rule, designating part of eastern Long Island Sound in Connecticut waters as a disposal site for dredged sediment. While Friday's decision was praised by Connecticut officials, at least one New York environmental group wants the decision challenged in court.
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HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency issued a final decision Friday that designates a portion of eastern Long Island Sound in Connecticut waters as a disposal site for dredged sediment from Connecticut and New York ports and harbors.

The EPA's rule was praised by Connecticut officials, including U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, a Democrat whose 2nd District includes the southeastern Connecticut shoreline. He said small marinas to the U.S. Submarine Base in Groton all rely on having a long-term placement site for dredged materials.

"This eagerly awaited step is the result of years of intensive scientific study, robust public engagement and advocacy by a wide range of interests in the region, and I firmly believe that the final product reflects the balanced approach that we all know is needed," he said in a written statement.

The Eastern Long Island Sound Disposal Site is located just west of the current New London Disposal Site, which is closing Dec. 23.

New York last month formally objected to the proposal, saying the EPA hadn't sufficiently considered the cumulative effects of dumping or other available disposal sites. At least one environmental group urged New York Gov. Mario Cuomo to challenge the EPA's decision in court, claiming it ignores the state's concerns.

"A new battle to protect Long Island Sound begins today," said Adrienne Esposito, executive director of the New York and Connecticut-based Citizens Campaign for the Environment. "In the past the enemy was sewage. Today the enemy is the federal government. It's a sad day for all of us who love the Sound."

Curt Spalding, regional administrator of EPA's New England office, said the agency took New

York's concerns "very seriously" but disagrees with its claims that the dredged sediments could threaten environmental habitats by drifting into New York. Spalding said the Connecticut disposal site location has very low current activity and the "material will end up where it's put."

Spalding also noted how the EPA's new decision reduces the overall amount of sediment that's disposed. A new team will review the dredged material and determine if any of it can be used for another purpose, such as repurposing sand and gravel to replenish eroded beaches.

"We very much want that to happen," Spalding said.

Courtney noted how the EPA's decision follows a recent commitment by the U.S. Navy to spend more than \$5 million to plan and design a major pier replacement at the submarine base along the Thames River. He said the project will need dredging and could see significant cost increases without this disposal site.